CHAPTER 149

TOWNSHIP RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES H.F. 581

AN ACT authorizing a reserve account for fire protection, emergency warning, and ambulance services provided by townships.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 359.43, Code 1989, is amended by adding the following new subsection: NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Of the levies authorized under subsections 1 and 2, the township trustees may credit to a reserve account annually an amount not to exceed ten cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property in the township for the purchase or replacement of supplies and equipment required to carry out the services specified under section 359.42. Notwithstanding section 453.7, interest earned on moneys credited to the reserve account shall be credited to the reserve account.

Approved May 8, 1989

CHAPTER 150

COUNTY AND CITY INFRACTIONS H.F. 596

AN ACT relating to the handling and use of county and municipal infractions, making a Code correction in regard to such infractions, and providing for penalties and remedies for such infractions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 331.307, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

An officer authorized by a county to enforce a county code or regulation may issue a civil citation to a person who commits a county infraction. The citation may be served by personal service or as provided in rule of civil procedure 56.1, by certified mail addressed to the defendant at the defendant's last known mailing address, return receipt requested, or by publication in the manner as provided in rule of civil procedure 60 and subject to the conditions of rule of civil procedure 60.1. A copy of the citation shall be retained by the issuing officer, and one copy shall be sent to the clerk of the district court. The citation shall serve as notification that a civil offense has been committed and shall contain the following information:

Sec. 2. Section 331.307, subsection 5, Code 1989, is amended by adding the following new paragraph a, and relettering the remaining paragraphs:

NEW PARAGRAPH. a. The matter shall be tried before a magistrate or district associate judge in the same manner as a small claim.

- Sec. 3. Section 331.307, subsections 9 and 10, Code 1989, are amended to read as follows:
 9. When judgment has been entered against a defendant, the court may impose a civil penalty or may grant appropriate relief to abate or halt the violation, or both, and the court may direct that payment of the civil penalty be suspended or deferred under conditions established by the court. do any of the following:
 - a. Impose a civil penalty by entry of a personal judgment against the defendant.